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OF HEALTH

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FOR THE

Borough of Stratford-upon-Avon

Rural District of Stratford-on-Avon

Rural District of Alcester

Rural District of Shipston-on-Stour

FOR THE YEAR 1955

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To:

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors, Borough of Stratford-upon-Avon.

The Chairman and Councillors, Rural District of Stratford-on-Avon.

The Chairman and Councillors, Rural District of Alcester.

The Chairman and Councillors, Rural District of Shipston-on-Stour.

Once again I am combining the annual reports of the four districts in this one cover hoping to encourage a comparison of the work done in one district with another. It is interesting to be a Medical Officer of Health for more than one district and to realise that the members of District Councils have differing views about what public health means and differing ideas as to priorities in improving the public health.

I am sure that all members of Councils wish to raise the standard of amenities for, and services to, the people living in their district. Rural Districts have, unfortunately, been backward in providing modern amenities, largely for financial reasons. Towns have had their main water and sewers for years and are now competing with Rural Districts—and appear to be likely to have more success—in obtaining the finances to extend their services as opposed to providing them for the first time.

Now that the Rural Districts are all in varying degree solving their main water supply difficulties, the problems of sewage disposal and treatment must be faced. While it is unlikely that the money will be available, it is, however, essential that sewage schemes in the rural districts should be as far forward in the planning state as possible. Once the credit squeeze relaxes the schemes can then go forward. Which scheme will receive approval first will still depend on whether the existing conditions are a “danger to health,” a phrase easy enough to state, but not so easy to prove. It appears that, rather in the same way that a careful tenant may be overlooked when compared with a bad tenant when re-housing is being considered, so efforts by Surveyor’s Departments to “make do and mend” may not assist a speedy approval of a scheme.

HOUSING

There is one Council responsibility where the financial side is still within the control of the Council and that is housing. There have been suggestions that, because of the rate burden entailed, there should be an easing up on this side of Council affairs. I do not think the following figures are compatible with this point of view:

Council	Applicants on Housing List	Houses needed to Replace those in Slum Clearance Schemes
Stratford-upon-Avon Borough	472	158
Stratford-on-Avon Rural District Council	758	326
Alcester Rural District Council	456	365
Shipston-on-Stour Rural District Council	138	174

There will be some overlapping under the two headings and, of course, a number of houses on the Slum Clearance List will be

repaired and improved. The problem continues to be a large one and I see little chance that a reduction in council house building will be possible.

It is the wish of Councils to avoid demolishing houses if the owners are willing to repair and improve them. Every inducement should be given to owners with this end in view. It is tempting to accept schemes of a lower standard in order to preserve a roof of some sort over somebody's head. This policy is, in my opinion, a mistaken one since it is only postponing the day when really effective action of some kind has to be taken and, in the meantime, the owner has spent money on the house, but has not received an adequate return since the period has been too short. The owner is likely to be incensed at having been persuaded to "throw his money away." If, on the contrary, a reasonably high standard of repair and improvement is aimed at, it will be found, when the Slum Clearance programme is completed, that a high proportion of the houses scheduled for demolition have not, in fact, been pulled down.

The call of the town is tempting to rural dwellers. The response to the call can only be slowed by the provision of amenities in country areas as good as those in towns. The provision of amenities costs money. I do not think that ratepayers will grudge that extra money provided it is demonstrated to them that they are getting value for money.

TUBERCULOSIS

It has been said by some authorities that tuberculosis is a disease which can be eradicated in a relatively short time. This could perhaps happen if an all-out drive was made against the disease and if people realised that it is a disease for which there is adequate and efficient treatment nowadays. It seems strange to me that all information about a person who is known to be suffering from tuberculosis must be kept confidential and yet that same person, if in need of a council house, will blazon abroad the fact that he is suffering from this disease. If only people will think of tuberculosis as a disease similar to any other ordinary infectious disease—a disease which can be treated and a disease which should be treated early—we could at last come to grips with the main problem which is to find all cases of tuberculosis as soon as we can. It would also help the patient if his neighbours realised that there is no need for the social ostracism which is often practised.

The Mass Radiography Unit visited Bidford-on-Avon, Welford-on-Avon and Stratford-on-Avon during 1955. A total of 4,278 people were X-rayed and, as a result, 10 new cases of tuberculosis

were notified to me as Medical Officer of Health. There are several people with suspected disease who are still under observation. These cases have, therefore, not been notified officially, although there is no doubt they are suffering—or have suffered—from pulmonary tuberculosis in some degree. Little can be done officially by the Health Department to trace the source of their infection or to find out whether they have infected anybody else in their family. In the same way that a much greater proportion of people chosen from amongst the attenders at doctors' surgeries are found to have tuberculosis when X-rayed, so I think would an investigation into this group of contacts of suspected cases find new cases.

While the Mass Radiography Unit visited this area older school-children were skin tested to find their sensitivity to tuberculosis. A reaction to this skin test means that the child has been in contact with a human case of tuberculosis or has drunk infected milk. Adult contacts of the reacting children were written to individually and asked to attend the X-ray Unit. The response to this invitation was poor.

If it is assumed that each child has two adult contacts, and this is an obvious under-estimate since there must, in many cases, be an adult other than father and mother living in the family home, the response was as follows:

BIDFORD-ON-AVON SECONDARY MODERN SCHOOL

Of parents living in Bidford-on-Avon itself 36.5% were X-rayed.

Of parents living outside Bidford-on-Avon 5.6% attended.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON SECONDARY MODERN SCHOOLS

Of parents living within the Borough 50.5% attended.

Of parents living outside the Borough 11.7% attended.

KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL

Of parents living in the Borough 21% attended.

Of parents living outside the Borough none attended.

These figures demonstrate the apathy which surrounds tuberculosis: it seems to me extraordinary for a parent who receives a letter from the Medical Officer of Health suggesting that he should attend for an X-ray check, and giving the reasons for this suggestion, to ignore it. I would have thought that the parents of Grammar School children, who educational psychologists tell us are perhaps more thoughtful and intelligent than the parents of Secondary Modern Schoolchildren, would have accepted the invitation in greater numbers than they, in fact, did.

When writing to parents for permission to skin test their children, I asked the source from which the family obtained their milk. There is a proved relationship between positive skin reactions and illness of a tuberculous nature, but of bovine origin. The risk of drinking non-designated milk is demonstrated by the following table:

INVESTIGATION OF MILK SUPPLIED TO POSITIVE TUBERCULIN REACTORS
STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

Type of Milk Supplied	No. of children tested	No. Positive	% Positive
Pasteurised	914	349	38.4%
T.T. Non-pasteurised	68	30	44.3%
Non-designated	118	61	51.5%
TOTALS	1100	440	40%

I am glad that it will not be long before the whole of this area will be a specified area in which no non-designated milk may be sold. There still remains the risk, however, to children who live on farms and drink milk which has not been pasteurised or which does not come from a tuberculin tested source. As I see it, the alleged change of taste caused by pasteurisation does not balance the risk of developing some form of bovine tuberculosis.

OLD PEOPLE

During the year an Old People's Welfare Committee was started in Stratford-upon-Avon. This committee has representatives of most organisations in the town and it is closely linked with other old people's organisations which are already doing good work in their own sphere. The first project, apart from visiting, of the new Old People's Committee, has been to establish a " Meals on Wheels " Service. The meals are bought already cooked and have been received with great enthusiasm by the people to whom they have been given.

During 1956 it is hoped to start a chiropody service and a washing service for infirm, bedridden old people.

The Old People's Committee is represented on the County Old People's Committee, and, as the years go on, I hope it will take the

lead in giving help to old people as other organisations in Stratford-upon-Avon have taken the lead in other activities.

Preliminary discussions were held during the year with the object of starting a County Old People's Welfare Committee. This Old People's Welfare Committee will probably have no executive function where helping old people is concerned, but will be an advisory and co-ordinating body whose members will be representatives of local Old People's Committees in the county. The first matter for inquiry by the County Committee has been a review of the help already being given by voluntary committees scattered over the county. The conclusion come to was that in towns the link between voluntary committees and statutory bodies was a good one and that the problem was being quite well coped with. It was found that in Rural districts, while there was a tremendous amount of neighbourly help going on, there was little link between that help and the help that can be given by statutory organisations. It has, therefore, been decided to encourage the formation of local executive committees in the villages—as a start in Alcester Rural District and Meriden Rural District only. This work will continue during 1956.

STAFF:

Once again I give my thanks to my office staff for their good work during the year. I am grateful also to the Sanitary Inspectors, Surveyors and other Council Officials for their help and kindness. Without give and take, and cheerful pulling together our job will never progress.

J. B. BRAMWELL,
Medical Officer of Health.

THE BOROUGH OF STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

Chief Sanitary Inspector

W. D. H. KEAR, M.S.I.A.,
Certificate of Meat and Foods

Additional Sanitary Inspector

J. T. BRUEN, M.S.I.A.,
Certificate of Meat and Foods

Area of the Borough (acres)	...	...	...	...	6,899
Population (estimated)	...	...	...	...	14,870
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	£152,582
Product of Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	£621

VITAL STATISTICS

POPULATION 14,870

LIVE BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	88	86	174
Illegitimate... ..	12	5	17
Crude birth rate per 1,000 estimated population 12.8			
Corrected birth rate per 1,000 estimated population 12.5 (15.0)*			

STILLBIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate... ..	—	—	—
Rate per 1,000 related live and still births 10.5 (23.1)*			

DEATHS

	Male	Female	Total
	97	104	201
Crude death rate per 1,000 estimated population 13.5			
Corrected death rate per 1,000 estimated population: 11.6 (11.7)*			

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES

Puerperal sepsis	Nil
Other puerperal causes	Nil

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	—	3	3
Illegitimate... ..	—	—	—
Death rate per 1,000 related births 15.7 (24.9)*			

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER FOUR WEEKS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	—	3	3
Illegitimate... ..	—	—	—

* Corresponding rates for England and Wales.

HOUSING

Total number of dwellings in the District at 31st December, 1955	...	4,760
Number of houses built under Housing Acts	... ..	953
Number of Council houses built since the war	... ..	525
Number of houses in private ownership built since the war	... ..	232
Number of new houses built during 1955		
(a) By the Local Authority	... ..	29
(b) By private owners	... ..	109
Number of Council houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1955	2 houses 17 bungalows	
Number of flats in course of erection at 31st December, 1955	...	20
Number of private houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1955		59
Number of occupied dwellings on ex-War Department sites	... ..	Nil
Number of applicants for Council houses	... ..	472
1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR		
1. (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health or Housing Acts	... ..	159
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	... ..	310
2. Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	... ..	28
3. Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-headings) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	... ..	Nil
2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE		
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	... ..	93
3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR		
(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936		
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	... ..	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice	... ..	Nil
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Act		
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	... ..	93
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice	... ..	Nil
(c) Proceedings under Section II of the Housing Act, 1936		
(1) Number of houses about which representations have been made	... ..	2
(2) Action resulting from representations		
(a) Number of houses demolished	... ..	1
(b) Number of houses demolished as a result of representations in previous years	... ..	2

(c)	Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners to repair...	...	...	Nil
(d)	Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners not to re-let	...	...	Nil
(e)	Closing Orders under Section 12 Housing Act	...	...	Nil
(f)	Closing Orders under Section 10 (Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1953)	...	...	1
(g)	Action still pending	...	...	Nil
(d)	Clearance Areas Section 25 Housing Act, 1936			
(a)	Number of representations made	...	...	3
(b)	Number of Clearance Areas declared	...	...	3
(c)	Number of houses involved	...	...	26
(d)	Number of Clearance Orders made	...	...	Nil
(e)	Number of Clearance Orders confirmed	...	...	Nil
(e)	Improvements Grants—Housing Act, 1949			
(a)	Number of applications received	(1) owner occupied	16	
		(2) tenanted	17	
(b)	Number of grants made	...	...	32
(c)	Number of dwellings affected	...	...	40
(d)	Total amount of grants made	...	...	£9,937

The Health Committee have continued to deal with all applications for improvement grants with an enlightened attitude and the maximum grant (50% of the cost of the improvement work) has been given in each case where the improvement work falls within the scope of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government Circular 4/55 and the Booklet “New Homes for Old—Improvements and Conversions.”

This year the number of grants given to applicants from owner-occupied houses is almost the same as those in respect of tenanted houses. However, the position to date since the first grant was made is that 19 improvement grants have been made in respect of owner-occupied houses and 28 in respect of tenanted houses. The national average is that nine owner-occupied houses are modernised for every one that is tenanted.

The best example of the use to which improvement grants can be put was afforded the Council with the completion of the work at the Fruit Store, Shottery, in April, 1955.

Here a well-built brick store was converted by the owner to a modern three-bedroomed house. A maximum grant of £400 had been given by the Committee and so for a small sum of money per annum, i.e., the loan charges on £100 the Health Committee had been able to assist in providing one more modern house in the Borough.

HOUSING INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

Public Health Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64
Consolidated Regulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	178
H.A. 1936 Section 9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
H.A. 1936 Section 11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
H.A. Section 25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89
H.A. 1949 Section 20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	125
H.A. 1954 Section 23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	571

With regard to Slum Clearance the Committee commenced their activities with visits in small groups to the 158 properties it was felt the Council should deal with. The time of 10 years proposed by the Council has, however, been suggested by the Ministry to be too long and it was felt in Central Government circles that 5 years should be long enough. To this end the Committee declared three clearance Areas consisting of 26 houses in all, as follows:

					Number of houses
Nasons Court, Scholars Lane	...	...	...	...	3
Shakespeare Court, Guild Street	...	...	...	...	14
Summer Row, Maidenhead Road	...	...	...	...	9
Total	...	...	...	...	26

It was felt unwise for the Committee to make Clearance Orders at that time because of the shortage of houses for alternative accommodation. It would appear that the availability of alternative housing for families living in Clearance Areas would decide the speed of Slum Clearance both locally and nationally.

HOUSING ACT, 1936: PARTS II AND III HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954: SECTION I PROPOSALS

Total number of permanent dwellings in the local authority's area ... 4,627

PART 1.

- (i) Estimated number of houses unfit for human habitation within the meaning of Section 9 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, and suitable for action under Section II or Section 25 of the Housing Act, 1936 ... 158
- (ii) Period in years which the Council think necessary for securing the demolition of all the houses in (i) ... 10

PART 2. ORDERS ALREADY MADE, ETC.

- (iii) Number of houses in (i) in clearance areas already covered by operative clearance or compulsory purchase orders or owned by the local authority ... Nil
- (iv) Number of houses which are already in clearance areas and for which clearance or compulsory purchase orders have been submitted to the Minister, but have not yet become operative ... 17

PART 3. ACTION IN THE FIRST FIVE YEARS

- (v) Number of houses which are already in clearance areas and for which clearance or compulsory purchase orders are to be made or which are to be purchased by agreement within the five years ... Nil
- (vi) Number of houses which are to be included in clearance areas still to be declared and which within the five years will be owned by the local authority or will have been included in a clearance order or a compulsory purchase order submitted by the Minister ... 64

(vii)	Number of houses under (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) to be patched (if necessary) and retained within the five years under section 2 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, for temporary accommodation	Nil
(viii)	Number of houses under (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) to be demolished in the five years	64
(ix)	Number of houses (including those already comprised in operative demolition orders) to be demolished in five years as a result of action under section II of the Housing Act, 1936	11

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

Inspection of premises P.H. Act	93
Re-inspections, calls, etc.	109
Filthy and verminous premises	5
Visits and interviews	232
Slaughterhouses	525
Dairies and milk vendors	3
Bakehouses	13
Hotels and restaurant kitchens	100
Butchers' shops	5
Fish premises	1
Ice-cream premises	19
Ice-cream samples taken	15
Visits re unsound food	38
Confectioners	1
Markets	230
Shops (Shops Act)	13
Infectious diseases	—
Premises disinfested	2
Premises disinfected	5
Rodent Control	7
Refuse collection and disposal	21
Camping grounds	35
Tents, vans and sheds	21
Complaints investigated	31
Factories P. and N.P.	48
New buildings	—
Drains tested and inspected	8
Grocers' shops	1
Food stalls	12
Sewer samples taken	4
Total inspections made	1,597
Total improvements made	131
Total premises improved	86

SANITARY DEFECTS FOUND

Drains obstructed	15
Defective drains	6
Defective W.C. cisterns	4
Defective W.C. pedestals	2
Defective chimneys	2
Absence of indoor sink	1
Defective dustbins	11
Overflowing cesspool	4
Offensive accumulations	2
Defective rainwater downpipes and roofs	7

Bakehouses requiring cleansing and decorating ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Defective ball valve ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Dampness ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Defective windows	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Burst water supply pipe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Insufficient ventilation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Nuisance from fumes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Absence of constant supply of hot water in toilets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Walls and ceiling of bakehouses requiring lime washing...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	77

A. Informal Action—77

B. Statutory Action—Nil

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS MADE

Drains cleared ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Drains relayed and repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
New W.C. cisterns provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
New W.C. pedestals fitted ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Chimneys repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
New sinks provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
New dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Cesspools emptied ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Rainwater downpipes and roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Bakehouses cleansed and redecorated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Ball valves repaired ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Damp proof courses provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
New windows fitted	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Water supply pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
W.C. basins cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
New W.C. provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Plaster renewed ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Old drains sealed ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Brickwork repointed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
New fireplace fitted	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
New inspection chambers provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Walls and ceiling of bakehouse cleansed and redecorated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

(a) SANITARY ACCOMMODATION AND DRAINAGE

(b) ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

(1) Informal ... 56

(2) Formal ... Nil

(c) REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Refuse is collected weekly from dwelling-houses in the Borough and twice weekly from hotels and restaurants. In emergencies the collections from hotels and restaurants are often more frequent especially at holiday periods. The Highways Department have found that it is impossible to collect all the refuse in a week if a statutory holiday, usually a Monday, falls in that

week. In order that the same part of the district shall not be left for a fortnight at each holiday period it has been found necessary to leave the refuse on different and consecutive days of the week for each holiday. This has proved reasonably satisfactory so far. A weekly collection of trade refuse is also made from retail shops on request, and a charge of sixpence per bin, per week, is made for this service.

Refuse is disposed of on the Unicorn Meadow by the controlled tipping method. In September, tipping was commenced at the rear of Warwick Crescent.

During the warm weather season the tip is sprayed twice daily, or as necessary to keep down flies and other insect pests.

The rodent operator visits the tip twice per week and treats when necessary. Nine dead rats have been picked up on the tip after treatment during the twelve months.

Although the Highways Department were tipping close to the residential area of Warwick Road, no complaint was received by the Health Department in respect of flies, or vermin breeding at the tip during the year.

(d) NIGHTSOIL COLLECTION

There is no nightsoil collection in the Borough.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936
CAMPING AND CARAVAN SITES

LICENSED SITES :

- (a) The Rayford Camp, Tiddington Road, licensed for 112 caravans.
- (b) The Elms Farm Camp, Tiddington Road, licensed for 63 caravans.
- (c) The Oxstalls Farm Camp, Warwick Road, licensed for 56 caravans.
- (d) The Corporation Camp, Warwick Road, licensed for 98 caravans.

INDIVIDUAL SITES :

Total number of individual caravans or sites licensed ... Nil

The Health Committee have continued their efforts to raise the standard of each of the Caravan Sites. A further small number of bus bodies were removed from the Rayford and Elms Sites.

During the year the licensee obtained permission from the Planning Authority for the installation of electricity to Rayford Camp.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

(a)	NUMBER OF FOOD PREMISES IN THE BOROUGH								136
	Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
	Bakers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
	Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
	Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
	Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
	Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
	Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
(b)	FOOD PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 14 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT								
	Ice-cream premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	88
	Preparation of sausages, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
	Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(c)	NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS OF REGISTERED FOOD PREMISES								
	Ice-cream premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19

Preparation of sausages, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	530
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	3

Thirty-eight visits have been made for the examination of unsound food stuffs at shop premises in the Borough, these being surrendered to the Sanitary Inspector for burial at the Council Tip.

The unsound food stuffs disposed of were as follows :

20 tinned milk	1 chocolate pudding
34 tinned fish	6 Yorkshire pudding
19 tinned jam	22 packets diabetic food
119 tinned soup	153 packets cake mixture
608 tinned fruit	5 cartons cut peel
511 tinned vegetables	3 jars lemon crystals
100 tinned meat	12 bunches bananas
6 tinned animal food	17 chips cress
3 tinned baby food	18 lbs. macaroni
9 tinned gelatine	3 boxes potatoes
219 bottles sauce	35 jars beef tea
28 jars chutney	10 jars egg preserver
8 packets cereals	7 cases pineapples
1,816 bricks ice-cream	40 lbs. cheese
64 bottles cordial	55 bars chocolate
144 fish cakes	4 bundles celery sticks
289 lbs. meat	17½ lbs. fish
56 packets crumpets	36½ lbs. butter
48 packets cheese spread	4 bottles essence
23 hens	1 ton 1 cwt. 25 lbs. fruit

The number of inspections made re the preparation of sausages, etc., include the inspections made to the slaughterhouses in the Borough.

(e) METHODS OF DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD

All items of unsound food from shops in the Borough are disposed of on the Corporation Controlled Tip at the rear of the Unicorn. All foodstuffs are suitably treated with disinfectant before being buried. There was no report of an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease emanating from the tip during the year under review.

Condemned meat and offal is disposed of by the Fatstock Marketing Corporation (Midlands) Organisation from the abattoir in Chapel Street to *bona-fide* contractors.

ICE-CREAM PREMISES

Eighty-eight premises are registered for the storage and sale of ice-cream.

No ice-cream was manufactured in the Borough during the year.

Nineteen visits of inspection have been made to ice-cream premises and fifteen samples of ice-cream have been taken and submitted for bacteriological examination at the Public Health Laboratory, Coventry.

The reports from the Analyst showed that these samples come within the following provisional grades :

7 in Grade 1
2 in Grade 2
1 in Grade 3
5 in Grade 4

At the premises where samples had shown that storage of ice-cream mix was unsatisfactory, it was found necessary to change the method of storage and construction of the containers. Subsequent samples were of Grade 1 standard.

MILK AND DAIRIES

There are seven registered milk retailers residing in the Borough. Three reside outside the Borough. All these retailers draw their milk supplies, Pasteurised and Tuberculin Tested, in bottles, from the Stratford Dairy, Ltd., New Street, thus dispensing with the necessity of individual dairies.

The daily throughput of milk at the Stratford Dairy is approximately 5,000 gallons, of which approximately 60 per cent. is Tuberculin Tested and 40 per cent. Pasteurised.

Approximately 90 per cent. of the Milk is bottled at the Dairy, the remainder being sold in bulk to cafés, hospitals, etc.

FOOD & DRUGS (MILK, DAIRIES & ARTIFICIAL CREAM) ACT, 1950 SECTION 8

TUBERCULOUS MILK INVESTIGATIONS—ROUTINE MILK SAMPLES FOR BIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION DURING THE YEAR 1955.

Designation of Milk	Total No. of Samples	No. Positive
Pasteurised	1	Nil
“ Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) ” ...	1	Nil
“ Tuberculin Tested ”	—	—
Non-Designated	2	Nil

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excludg. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	3613	255	562	14479	10368
Number inspected ...	3613	255	562	14479	10368
Whole carcasses condemned for T.B.	2	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Part carcasses condemned for T.B.	150	26	Nil	Nil	Nil
Whole carcasses condemned for O.C.	1	14	4	49	42
Part carcasses condemned for O.C.	799	78	10	711	504
% of whole carcasses con- demned for T.B. ...	·06%	·39%	Nil	Nil	Nil
% of part carcasses con- demned for T.B. ...	4·15%	10·19%	Nil	Nil	Nil
% of whole carcasses con- demned for O.C. ...	·03%	5·49%	·71%	·34%	·41%
% of part carcasses con- demned for O.C. ...	21·56%	30·59%	4·78%	4·91%	4·86%

TABLE OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED

YEAR	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	TOTAL
1939	868	26	265	3791	4712	9663
1948	1279	629	1486	7361	819	11574
1949	1154	731	1843	7208	1456	12393
1950	1501	897	1544	7086	1613	12641
1951	2864	1457	1080	11293	2877	19571
1952	3389	1553	1710	17494	6023	30169
1953	3632	1141	1121	14058	6381	26339
1954	3806	749	879	23048	9017	37499
1955	3613	255	562	14479	10368	29277

DISEASE AND WEIGHT OF MEAT CONDEMNED

	Lbs.	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Tuberculosis	6792	3	—	2	16
Oedema	2021	—	18	—	5
Emaciation	4416	1	19	1	20
Fevered	676	—	6	—	4
Cirrhosis	9757	4	7	—	13
Parasites	3316	1	9	2	12
Abscesses	1803	—	16	—	11
Angioma	351	—	3	—	15
Bruised	517	—	4	2	13
Pyæmia	265	—	2	1	13
Erysipelas	94	—	—	3	10
Actinomycosis	534	—	4	3	2
Pneumonia	673	—	6	—	1
Peritonitis	39	—	—	1	11
Septicæmia	633	—	5	2	17
Fatty Infiltration	266	—	3	1	2
Anaemia	29	—	—	1	1
Decomposition	1476	—	13	—	20
Immature	117	—	1	—	5
Septic Metritis	574	—	5	—	14
Septic Mastitis	145	—	1	1	5
Cysts	360	—	3	—	24
Congestion	671	—	5	3	27
Pericarditis	342	—	3	—	6
Pleurisy	12	—	—	—	12
Bone Taint	322	—	2	3	14
Adhesions	78	—	—	2	22
Dropsy	75	—	—	2	19
Broken Legs	144	—	1	1	4
Emphysema	9	—	—	—	9
Bleeding	145	1	1	1	5
Abnormal Odour	583	—	5	—	23
Nephritis	451	—	4	—	3
Tetanus	51	—	—	1	23
Moribund	106	—	—	3	22
Arthritis	20	—	—	—	20
Heated	342	—	3	—	6
Swollen and Septic Joints	51	—	—	1	23
TOTAL WEIGHT ...	38378	17	2	1	24

BAKEHOUSES AND RESTAURANT KITCHENS

There are nine registered bakehouses and 16 restaurant kitchens in the Borough.

One hundred and thirteen visits of inspection have been made, 100 to hotels and restaurant kitchens and 13 to bakehouses.

Ten informal notices have been served on hotels and restaurant kitchen proprietors and three bakehouses.

Eight notices have been complied with at the hotels and restaurant kitchens, and three notices complied with at bakehouses.

The notices served were as follows :

KITCHENS :

Five for redecoration, two for additional dustbins, two for ventilation and one for the supply of hot water.

BAKEHOUSES :

Two for limewashing and one for cleansing.

FISH SHOPS

There are three fresh fish shops and three modern fried fish shops in the Borough.

RODENT CONTROL

One full-time Rodent Operative is employed in the Borough for the destruction of rats and mice.

Three thousand four hundred and thirty-seven premises were surveyed during the year, 354 were found to be infested and treatment was carried out.

One hundred and nine verbal complaints were received.

The public sewers were treated twice during the year. Fifty manholes were baited in the first treatment.

Poison used during the year consisted mainly of Warfaring.

DISINFESTATION AND DISINFECTION

A quantity of bedding has been disinfected and two mattresses have been destroyed. Thirty-one premises have been disinfested for various insect pests. Six wasps nests have been destroyed.

SEWAGE SAMPLING—CYANIDE

During the year four samples were taken from connected parts of the sewerage system. Each sample indicated the presence of cyanide, although fortunately not in large quantities.

It is intended to take further samples from various parts of the sewerage system from time to time.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 AND 1951, SECTION 50 BURIAL OR CREMATION OF THE DEAD

It was found necessary to bury an adult female person who had been living in West Street and who was without means or relatives.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH (including inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector)

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occu- piers Prose- cuted
(1) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	14	3	1	Nil
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	135	45	5	Nil
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	149	48	6	Nil

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Remarks	Number of cases in which defects were found				
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness S.1	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding, S.2	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature, S.3	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate drainage of floors	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation, S.4	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	0	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable	7	7	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for the sexes	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	7	7	0	0	0

WATER SUPPLY

Water supplies during the year 1955 have been maintained satisfactorily, though some difficulty was experienced in the supply from the Snitterfield reservoir to the parishes served in the Rural District. The supply has had to be supplemented from the Snitterfield and August Hill Plants.

Further progress has been made in the Comprehensive Water Scheme. The new main along the Tiddington Road has been completed. Work is in progress on the Service Reservoir at Bordon Hill and a tender has been accepted for the construction of a new reservoir at Welcombe linked to the August Hill Pumping Station by an 8-in. main.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

No major troubles have occurred during the year due largely to the interim works undertaken last year at Sewage Disposal Works. It is to be hoped that the financial situation will soon permit a start on the re-design and enlargement of the works.

RURAL DISTRICT of STRATFORD-ON-AVON

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

Chief Sanitary Inspector

J. WOOD, A.I.A.S., A.M.I.S.E., M.R.S.A.N.I.,
Certificate of Meat and Foods

Sanitary Inspectors

J. W. BOLTON, M.S.I.A.,
Certificate of Meat and Foods

H. W. PASSMORE, A.R.S.A.N.I., M.S.I.A.,
Certificate of Meat and Foods

Area of District (acres)	...	...	...	...	...	81,996
Population (estimated)	...	...	...	...	...	22,570
Rateable value	...	...	...	...	...	£123,069
Product of Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...£461

VITAL STATISTICS

POPULATION 22,570

LIVE BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	182	159	341
Illegitimate...	9	7	16
Crude birth rate per 1,000 estimated population 15·8			
Corrected birth rate per 1,000 estimated population 17·2 (15·0)*			

STILLBIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate...	1	—	1
Rate per 1,000 related live and still births 13·8 (23·1)*			

DEATHS

	Male	Female	Total
	117	91	208
Crude death rate per 1,000 estimated population 9·25			
Corrected death rate per 1,000 estimated population 9·25 (11·7)*			

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES

Puerperal sepsis ... ..	...	...	...	Nil
Other Puerperal causes ... ..	...	...	...	Nil

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	4	1	5
Illegitimate...	—	—	—
Death rate per 1,000 related births 14·0 (24·9)*			

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER FOUR WEEKS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate...	—	—	—

* Corresponding rates for England and Wales

HOUSING

Total number of dwellings in the District at 31st December, 1955	...	5,693
Number of houses built under Housing Acts	... ..	1,096
Number of Council houses built since the war	... ..	646
Number of houses in private ownership built since the war	... ..	294
Number of new houses built during 1955		
(a) By the Local Authority	... ..	98
(b) By private owners	... ..	63
Number of Council houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1955		100
Number of flats in course of erection at 31st December, 1955	...	32
Number of private houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1955		89
Number of occupied dwellings on ex-War Department sites	... ..	125
Number of applicants for Council houses	... ..	758
1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR		
1 (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health or Housing Acts	... ..	56
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	... ..	126
2 Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	... ..	6
3 Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-headings) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	... ..	10
2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE		
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	... ..	4
3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR		
(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936		
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	... ..	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice	... ..	Nil
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Act		
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	... ..	26
(2) Number of dwelling - houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice	... ..	6
(c) Proceedings under Section II of the Housing Act, 1936		
(1) Number of houses about which representations have been made	... ..	6
(2) Action resulting from representations		
(a) Number of houses demolished	... ..	Nil
(b) Number of houses demolished as a result of representations in previous years	... ..	Nil
(c) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners to repair	... ..	4
(d) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners not to re-let	... ..	1
(e) Closing Orders under Section 12 Housing Act	...	Nil

(f)	Closing Orders under Section 10 (Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1953	...	...	Nil
(g)	Action still pending	...	...	1
(d)	Clearance Areas Section 25 Housing Act, 1936			
(a)	Number of representations made	...	...	Nil
(b)	Number of Clearance Areas declared	...	...	Nil
(c)	Number of houses involved	...	...	Nil
(d)	Number of Clearance Orders made	...	...	Nil
(e)	Number of Clearance Orders confirmed	...	...	Nil
(e)	Improvements Grants—Housing Act, 1949			
(b)	Number of grants made	...	...	25
(c)	Number of dwellings affected	...	...	32
(d)	Total amount of grants made...	...	...	£4,363

HOUSING ACT, 1936: PARTS II AND III HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954, SECTION I PROPOSALS

Total number of permanent dwellings in the Local Authority's area ... 5,532

PART 1. THE TOTAL PROBLEM

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| (i) | Estimated number of houses unfit for human habitation within the meaning of Section 9 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, and suitable for action under Section II or Section 25 of the Housing Act, 1936 | 326 |
| (ii) | Period in years which the Council think necessary for securing the demolition of all the houses in (i) | 15 |

PART 2. ORDERS ALREADY MADE, etc.

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| (iii) | Number of houses in (i) in clearance areas already covered by operative clearance or compulsory purchase orders or owned by the Local Authority | Nil |
| (iv) | Number of houses which are already in clearance areas and for which clearance or compulsory purchase orders have been submitted to the Minister, but have not yet become operative | Nil |

PART 3. ACTION IN THE FIRST FIVE YEARS

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|--------|---|-----|
| (v) | Number of houses which are already in clearance areas and for which clearance or compulsory purchase orders are to be made or which are to be purchased by agreement within the five years | Nil |
| (vi) | Number of houses which are to be included in clearance areas still to be declared and which within the five years will be owned by the Local Authority or will have been included in a clearance order or a compulsory purchase order submitted by the Minister | 123 |
| (vii) | Number of houses under (iii) (iv) and (vi) to be patched (if necessary) and retained within the five years under Section 2 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, for temporary accommodation | 20 |
| (viii) | Number of houses under (iii) (iv) (v) and (vi) to be demolished in five years | 103 |
| (ix) | Number of houses (including those already comprised in operative demolition orders) to be demolished in five years as a result of action under Section II of the Housing Act, 1936 | 17 |

SANITARY INSPECTION OF DISTRICT PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

1. DRAINAGE AND SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

Conversion of pail closets to water closets 6
The work of converting Duffers Hill pail closets, Moreton Morrell, has been completed, together with laying 4in. sewer to drain these houses and those to be built in Fuller Place.

Tanworth-in-Arden School
Council's contribution: £900.

2. ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES

Disinfection of premises 2
Disinfestation of premises (mainly fleas) 13

3. REFUSE AND NIGHT SOIL COLLECTION

The regular collection of refuse from all reasonable accessible houses has been maintained during the year. Weekly collections have been made in Henley-in-Arden, Wootton Wawen, Tanworth-in-Arden, Wellesbourne, Kinton and fortnightly collections in Snitterfield and Welford-on-Avon. Monthly refuse collection has been made regularly from the houses in the rest of the district.

Night soil collection still forms a major part of the refuse collection service and there are still well over 700 houses from which night soil is removed weekly. The free cesspool emptying service in the large parish of Tanworth-in-Arden has been satisfactorily maintained throughout the year in spite of certain difficulties not the least among which is the distance of the area from the Council's Depot in Stratford-on-Avon. The following represents the output of the Council's scavenging service during a typical mid-year four-week period:

Number of bins emptied	...	...	...	...	18,350
Number of loads recorded	...	...	...	...	124
Estimated tonnage	...	...	...	...	804 tons
Number of cesspool loads (free service Tanworth-in-Arden)	...	...	...	...	350
Other cesspools emptied	...	...	...	...	71
Number of pails emptied	...	...	...	...	3,682

4. CAMPING AND CARAVAN SITES

The number of licensed caravan sites remains as for 1954, i.e. 5:

Hillcrest, Portway	...	...	84
Wootton Hall, Wootton Wawen	25	vans per acre on	
		4½ acres of land	
Dodwell, Luddington	...	...	50
The Mill, Welford-on-Avon	...	...	12
Longcast, Welford	...	...	12

The Council are still opposed to the stationing and use of caravans individually and two convictions were secured during the year for the unauthorised use of caravans.

The management and standard of services provided on the licensed sites have been satisfactory.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

MILK

There are as last year two pasteurising establishments within the district licensed by the County Council. The bulk of the milk delivered to consumers in the district is either pasteurised or T.T. milk from these premises and also purchased from pasteurising establishments in Stratford-upon-Avon Borough, Birmingham and Solihull. A small number of dairy farmers have continued to retail some of the milk produced on their own farms. The following table indicates the distribution of milk supplies throughout the district:

Number of dealers distributing designated milks, including the pasteurisers	...	...	...	...	23
Number of registered dairies, excluding pasteurisation premises	...	...	...	...	30
Number of dairy farmers retailing milk	...	...	...	...	2
Number of outside district dealers granted supplementary licences for designated milk distribution	...	...	...	...	4

FOOD AND DRUGS (MILK, DAIRIES AND ARTIFICIAL CREAM) ACT, 1950

SECTION 8

TUBERCULOUS MILK INVESTIGATIONS—ROUTINE MILK SAMPLES FOR BIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION DURING THE YEAR 1955

Designation of Milk	Total No. of Samples	No. Positive
Pasteurised	—	—
“Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)”	3	Nil
“Tuberculin Tested ”	8	Nil
Non-Designated	34	Nil

FOOD, GENERAL

ICE-CREAM:

There is still only one establishment manufacturing ice-cream, this by the heat treatment method. Samples of ice-cream from this plant taken from various dealers in the district and those taken and notified by neighbouring authorities have been placed invariably in the provisional Grade 1. The storage and sale of ice-cream from the remaining 39 registered premises is manufactured by well-known firms, being mainly pre-wrapped. Samples taken during the year:

Grade 1	...	Nil
Grade 2	...	Nil

FOOD PREMISES GENERALLY:

Grocers (mainly small village stores)	...	...	31
Public Houses	...	...	46
Cafes	...	...	14
Post Offices and General Stores	...	...	14
Bakehouses	...	...	7
Butchers	...	...	13
Chemists	...	...	3
Wet Fish Shops	...	...	3

Twenty-seven visits have been paid to premises where food is handled, prepared or sold.

UN SOUND FOOD :

Seventeen visits have been made for the examination of unsound food stuffs in small quantities, the unsound goods being surrendered to the Sanitary Inspector for burial at one of the Council's tips.

FOOD SAMPLING :

	No. analysed	No. unsatisfactory
Milk	87	1
Other articles	19	3

PARTICULARS OF UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES

1. MILK :

In general, the milk samples showed entirely satisfactory results and the only complaint necessary was in connection with a fat deficiency of 8 per cent. This matter was referred to the producer concerned and a subsequent sample has proved to be satisfactory.

2. OTHER ARTICLES :

With regard to the articles other than milk, the three shown to be unsatisfactory related to sausage products which contained preservative, without the required notice being displayed at the place of sale. The amounts of sulphur dioxide found in the samples were within that permitted under the Public Health (Preservatives, etc., in Food) Regulations, and, in view of this, it was not considered necessary to take serious action, although the vendors were acquainted with the relevant requirement.

MEAT INSPECTION

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle excl'dg. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	294	2	82	1797	683	—
Number inspected	294	2	82	1797	683	—
<i>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:</i> Whole carcases con- demned	—	—	2	6	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	89	—	—	50	19	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	30.27	—	2.44	3.12	2.78	—
<i>Tuberculosis only:</i> Whole carcases con- demned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	15	—	—	—	13	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuber- culosis	5.10	—	—	—	1.90	—
<i>Cysticercosis:</i> Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

RODENT CONTROL

During the year regular survey of the district has been maintained and treatments carried out where necessary. Infestations found on farms and small-holdings have been reported to the A.E.C. Pests Officer who in most cases has been able to offer the necessary treatment. Co-operation between this Officer and the Council's Officers has again been effective in dealing with infestations. It has not been necessary to resort to formal action to secure the disinfection of any premises during the year. Maintenance treatments of public sewers have been completed in accordance with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Divisional Rodent Officer's recommendations. Refuse tips and sewage disposal works have received regular attention.

The intensive campaign using Warfarin seems to have reduced the number of infestations.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector)

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occu- piers prose- cuted
(i) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	13	2	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	55	3	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	68	5	Nil	Nil

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Remarks	Number of cases in which defects were found				
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable	1	1	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for the sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act ...	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	1	1	—	—	—

WATER SUPPLY

Number of informal notices and letters sent concerning water supplies to
houses 12

During the year 127 properties have been connected to main supplies exclusive of water supplies laid on to new Council houses.

Seventy-nine samples for bacteriological examination and two for chemical analysis have been taken during the year.

Water throughout the district is not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

Water supplies in general have been adequate during the year, though difficulty was experienced at Kineton owing to the failure of the springs. Alternative sources, however, were brought in to supplement.

COMPREHENSIVE SCHEMES

1. SOUTHERN SCHEME.

The work on this scheme has been very slow and by the end of the year only the village of Preston-on-Stour had been connected to the new main.

2. NORTHERN SCHEME.

(a) A start has been made in Stage I of this scheme. This consists of the installation of a temporary pumping station at Heath End and the connection of one of the boreholes to the existing mains at Snitterfield by $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles of new main. This will replace the reliance of this part of the Rural District on a supply of water provided by the Borough Council and which at times could be ill afforded by that Council.

(b) WELFORD AND WESTON-ON-AVON. These two villages depend for water supply on shallow wells, nearly all of which at times are polluted. The situation is particularly difficult at Weston-on-Avon. It has been decided that a mains supply of water for these two villages should have priority over the remainder of the Northern Scheme. The Consulting Engineers have been asked to prepare to implement a scheme for the extension of the existing main from Binton.

SEWAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

1. QUINTON

The sewer is now completed.

2. LOXLEY

The small sewage disposal plant at Loxley was reconstructed during the year.

3. HAMPTON LUCY

The sewer at Hampton Lucy has been extended.

4. SNITTERFIELD

The sewage disposal works at Snitterfield are in a deplorable state from age and overloading. A scheme for their reconstruction has been prepared.

5. TANWORTH

The Parish of Tanworth is one in which there has been housing development since the war; this development is likely to continue. In general, there are no sewers and sewage treatment has been by septic tank. Since the sub-soil is clay, difficulties continue to arise in disposing of the effluent without nuisance. The Consulting Engineers have been instructed to prepare a scheme for the drainage of the Parish.

THE RURAL DISTRICT of ALCESTER

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

Sanitary Inspector

G. V. BLACKBROUGH, A.R.S.A.N.I., M.S.I.A., M.R.I.P.H.H.,

Surveyor

J. C. WILLIAMS, A.I.A.S., A.M.I.S.E., M.R.S.I.

Area of District (acres)	...	...	...	...	...	37,524
Population (estimated)	...	...	...	...	...	13,430
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£64,392
Product of Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	£234

VITAL STATISTICS

POPULATION 13,430

LIVE BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	103	102	205
Illegitimate...	4	2	6
Crude birth rate per 1,000 estimated population 15·7			
Corrected birth rate per 1,000 estimated population 15·6 (15·0)*			

STILLBIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	—	—	Nil
Illegitimate...	—	—	Nil
Rate per 1,000 related live and still births Nil (23·1)*			

DEATHS

	Male	Female	Total
	64	54	118
Crude death rate per 1,000 estimated population 8·8			
Corrected death rate per 1,000 estimated population 7·8 (11·7)*			

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES

Puerperal sepsis	Nil
Other Puerperal causes	Nil

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate...	—	—	—
Death rate per 1,000 related births 9·5 (24·9)*			

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER FOUR WEEKS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate...	—	—	—

* Corresponding rates for England and Wales.

HOUSING

Total number of dwellings in the district at 31st December, 1955	...	...	...	...	4,935
Number of houses built under Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	839
Number of Council houses built since the war	...	...	...	...	495
Number of houses in private ownership built since the war	...	...	...	...	172
Number of new houses built during 1955					
(a) By the Local Authority	...	...	...	...	29
(b) By private owners	...	...	...	...	31
Number of Council houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1955					119
Number of flats in course of erection at 31st December, 1955					4
Number of private houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1955					34
Number of occupied dwellings on ex-War Department sites	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of applicants for Council houses	...	...	...	...	456
1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR					
1 (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health or Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	248
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	746
2 Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	40
3 Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-headings) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	18
2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE					
Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	...	...	...	...	76
3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR					
(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936					
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	...	...	5
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice	...	...	...	...	5
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Act					
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	...	...	7
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice	...	...	...	...	4
(c) Proceedings under Section II of the Housing Act, 1936					
(1) Number of houses about which representations have been made	...	...	...	...	4
(2) Action resulting from representations					
(a) Number of houses demolished	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b) Number of houses demolished as a result of representations in previous years	...	...	...	...	4
(c) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners to repair	...	...	...	...	Nil
(d) Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners not to re-let	...	...	...	...	Nil

(e) Closing Orders under Section 12 Housing Act	...	Nil
(f) Closing Orders under Section 10 (Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1953)	... ..	Nil
(g) Action still pending	... ..	4
(d) Clearance Areas Section 25 Housing Act, 1936		
(a) Number of representations made	... ..	4
(b) Number of Clearance Areas declared	... ..	4
(c) Number of houses involved	... ..	36
(d) Number of Clearance Orders made	... ..	4
(e) Number of Clearance Orders confirmed	... ..	Nil
(e) Improvements Grants—Housing Act, 1949		
(a) Number of applications received (1) owner occupied		5
	(2) tenanted	6
(b) Number of grants made	... ..	5
(c) Number of dwellings affected	... ..	5
(d) Total amount of grants made...	... ..	£957

HOUSING ACT, 1936: PARTS II AND III HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954, SECTION I PROPOSALS MADE BY COUNCIL

Total number of permanent dwellings in the local Authority's area ... 4,875

PART I. THE TOTAL PROBLEM

- (i) Estimated number of houses unfit for human habitation within the meaning of Section 9 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, and suitable for action under Section II or Section 25 of the Housing Act, 1936 ... 365
- (ii) Period in years which the Council think necessary for securing the demolition of all the houses in (i) ... 10

PART 2. ORDERS ALREADY MADE, ETC.

- (iii) Number of houses in (i) in clearance areas already covered by operative clearance or compulsory purchase orders or owned by the Local Authority ... 4
- (iv) Number of houses which are already in clearance areas and for which clearance or compulsory purchase orders have been submitted to the Minister, but have not yet become operative ... Nil

PART 3. ACTION IN THE FIRST FIVE YEARS

- (v) Number of houses which are already in clearance areas and for which clearance or compulsory purchase orders are to be made or which are to be purchased by agreement within the five years ... Nil
- (vi) Number of houses which are to be included in clearance areas still to be declared and which within the 5 years will be owned by the Local Authority or will have been included in a clearance order or a compulsory purchase order submitted by the Minister 100
- (vii) Number of houses under (iii), (iv) and (vi) to be patched (if necessary) and retained within the five years under Section 2 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, for temporary accommodation ... Nil
- (viii) Number of houses under (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) to be demolished in five years ... 104

- (ix) Number of houses (including those already comprised in operative demolition orders) to be demolished in five years as a result of action under Section II of the Housing Act, 1936 ... 13

SANITARY INSPECTION OF DISTRICT

Notifiable infectious disease investigations and/or fumigations	...	2
Food Premises	... ..	86
Milk and Dairies Regulations	... ..	22
Licensed Premises	... ..	15
Smoke observations	... ..	3
Housing investigations for re-housing purposes	... ..	38
Provision of dustbins	... ..	85
Sanitary Accommodation	... ..	102
Drainage matters	... ..	335
Water supplies	... ..	159
Dirty Premises	... ..	11
Verminous Premises	... ..	10
Factories	... ..	41
Tips	... ..	175
Ditches	... ..	14
Caravans or sites	... ..	23
Temporary structures	... ..	5
Inspections for certificate of disrepair under the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954	... ..	Nil
Miscellaneous	... ..	117

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

(a) Refuse collection and disposal.

The period between the collection of house refuse as stated in previous years is very unsatisfactory as this ranges between 14 to 20 days depending on such circumstances as holidays, sickness, wet weather and any major overhaul of vehicles. The number of men collecting refuse on the three vehicles was reduced to 10 in 1952. During the last five years the estimated population has increased by 300 and the number of houses erected over 250. In many cases the distance the refuse must be carried is increased from 20 to 60 feet.

As building continues and in order that the Rural District may have an adequate refuse collection service it will be necessary for an additional vehicle and men to be engaged on the work.

During the year a new Diesel refuse vehicle has been purchased to take the place of an old vehicle.

The refuse disposal site at Broom caused much concern during the summer months due to the large fly infestations and only after several experiments and tests carried out by a Biologist and Chemist from a firm of insecticide manufacturers that it was ascertained that the flies in the area possess a resistance to chlorinated hydrocarbons such as D.D.T., Gammexane and the like, possibly due to previous unsuccessful treatments.

A Diesel tractor with shovel and dozer was purchased in order to secure the immediate covering of refuse at Broom tip. An area of land approximately four acres which has been filled with refuse during the last few years has been levelled and covered with soil by a firm of Specialist Contractors for £662 10s.

There are two tips in the district and the one at Sernal Ash will be

completed during the coming year. Obtaining a suitable tipping area in the Studley district where material is also available for covering is causing a difficulty.

The Council have during the year become most interested in the modern mechanised method of composting refuse and sludge and arrangements have been made for a representation to visit a plant in early 1956.

The estimated actual cost of refuse collection and disposal service for 1955-56 is £7,812.

(b) Nightsoil collection.

A vehicle staffed by four men is engaged full-time on the collection of nightsoil.

(c) Camping and Caravan Sites.

Eight site licences and eight licences authorising the stationing of moveable dwellings are in operation under the provisions of Section 269 Public Health Act, 1936. Three sites used for sporadic camping are not licensed under this Act as the moveable dwellings are not occupied the requisite period.

During the year 23 visits have been made in connection with moveable dwellings.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

(a) General

Dairies (not being dairy farms)	10
Distributors of milk (not dairy farmers)	14
Butchers' shops in the district	13
Bakehouses	7
Licensed premises (including 5 clubs)	57
Fish and chip shops	6
Grocers' shops	60

(b) Premises registered under Section 14

Ice-cream	57
Preparation of sausages, etc.	11

(c) Number of inspections of food premises

...	86
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UN SOUND FOOD

The following foods have been voluntarily surrendered to prevent them being used for human consumption :

Tins of meat and ham	51
Tins of fruit and vegetables	97
Tins of milk	14
Jars of jam... ..	2
Packet of figs	1
Jars of pickled cabbage	4
Jar of mint sauce	1
Lbs. of porridge oats	2
Tins of fish	5
Tins of soup	3
Jars of fish paste	2
Packets of marzipan	2
Lbs. of butter and cheese	29½
Lbs. of meat	41½

ICE-CREAM PREMISES

The only type of ice-cream made in the district is a complete cold mix. The majority of shops sell ice-cream which is pre-packed.

FOOD AND DRUGS (MILK, DAIRIES AND ARTIFICIAL CREAM)
ACT, 1950

SECTION 8

TUBERCULOUS MILK INVESTIGATIONS—ROUTINE MILK SAMPLES FOR
BIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION DURING THE YEAR 1955.

Designation of Milk	Total No. of Samples	No. Positive
Pasteurised	4	1
“ Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) ” ...	4	Nil
“ Tuberculin Tested ”	3	Nil
Non-Designated	11	Nil

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS OF TUBERCLE-INFECTED MILK SUPPLIES
DURING THE YEAR 1955

Number of	Cases found on routine sampling in the County	Cases reported by neighbouring County Authorities
1. Investigations	Nil	2
2. Cows examined	Nil	24
3. Milk samples for diagnostic purposes	Nil	5
4. Cows slaughtered under Tuberculosis Order ...	Nil	1
5. Cows removed from herds during investigations and and which may have been infected	Nil	Nil

MEAT INSPECTION

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in the district. The following indicates the Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part during 1955 :

	All Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known) ...	2646	1315	14872	4568	—
Number inspected	2646	1315	14872	4568	—
<i>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:</i> Whole carcases condemned	1	4	9	22	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	129	1	37	61	—
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	5	·38	·39	1·9	—
<i>Tuberculosis only:</i> Whole carcases condemned	1	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	218	—	4	32	—
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with tuber- culosis	8	—	·02	·7	—
<i>Cysticercosis:</i> Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration ...	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned	—	—	—	—	—

RODENT CONTROL

The Rodent Operative has made 1,175 inspections and re-inspections and this includes 136 inspections of agricultural premises. There has been no major infestations and the rodent activity at the two refuse tips is kept to small infestations. In the three urbanised parts of the district a sewer test has been carried out in order to ascertain the degree of rodent infestation. The test carried out over a period of three days revealed “no takes” and the length of sewers may be regarded as clear of rodent life.

WATER SAMPLING

Well water private supplies (bacteriological)	...	...	...	27
(a) Satisfactory samples	...	...	...	4
(b) Doubtful samples	...	...	...	9
(c) Unsatisfactory samples	...	...	...	14

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector)

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occu- piers prose- cuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	8	2	2	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	72	37	24	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	4	2	Nil	Nil
TOTAL ...	84	41	26	Nil

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	4	4	—	1	—
Overcrowding (S.1) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ...	1	1	1	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient ...	1	1	—	1	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	9	9	—	5	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	3	3	1	—	—
TOTAL ...	18	18	2	7	—

WATER SUPPLIES

The Alcester Rural District Council's comprehensive water scheme was completed in 1953 and thus the Council has provided the great majority of the inhabitants with a pure and plentiful water supply available to approximately 90 per cent. of the populace as under:

Parish				East Worcs. W.W. Co.	Bidford Scheme	Stratford R.D.C. Scheme
Alcester	...	...	...	2750	—	—
Arrow ...	...	...	...	150	—	—
Aston Cantlow ...	...	...	...	300	—	—
Bidford ...	...	...	...	—	2000	—
Coughton	...	...	...	200	—	—
Exhall ...	...	...	...	—	125	25
Great Alne	...	...	...	300	—	—
Haselor ...	...	...	...	200	—	—
Kinwarton	...	...	...	40	—	—
Morton Bagot ...	...	...	...	50	—	—
Oldberrow	...	...	...	—	—	—
Salford Priors	...	...	...	—	900	—
Sambourne and Middletown				700	—	—
Spernaill ...	...	...	...	40	—	—
Studley ...	...	...	...	3750	—	—
Weethley and Bevington			...	25	—	—
Wixford ...	...	...	...	—	125	—
Wilmcote	...	...	...	—	—	500

The two main sources of water used during 1955 were:

- (a) East Worcestershire Water Company's supply from the Bunter Sandstone which provides a very potable supply, and serves the northern areas; this Council being responsible for the distribution of the water.
- (b) The Dunnington supply for the parishes of Bidford and Salford Priors was brought into use by the Council after the 1933-34 drought, and uses water from the superficial gravel deposits between Dunnington and Broom. The water is moderately hard.

(A small quantity of water is taken in bulk from Stratford R.D.C. supply in order to service the village of Wilmcote. The water is from boreholes to the east of Stratford-upon-Avon, sunk into Keuper sandstone).

Proposals are in being for the augmentation of the Bidford and Salford Priors supply from the Coventry River Severn mains which fortunately pass through Dunnington. It is proposed to commence work on this proposal in 1956.

PURITY OF EXISTING SUPPLIES

All existing main supplies reach a satisfactory standard of purity. The Council is responsible for the chlorination of the public water supplies derived from sources within the area and samples are taken for examination at intervals.

PLUMBO SOLVENCY

There is little evidence of lead intake from the water supplied in this area.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

A sewerage and sewage disposal scheme has been prepared for the village of Wilmcote. Sites are being purchased for works and certain intermediate

stations in Bidford, Salford Priors and the Alcester area with a view to the installation of major schemes at the first available opportunity.

Improvements are also envisaged in early course in the sewerage of Dunnington village.

NIGHTSOIL COLLECTION AND CESSPOOL EMPTYING

A modern vehicle, staffed by four men, is engaged full-time on the collection of nightsoil, free of charge, from nearly 1,000 properties in the district.

A cesspool emptying vehicle, with two men, is on call for the emptying of cesspools at a charge of 25s per load of up to 800 gallons.

THE RURAL DISTRICT of SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

Chief Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor

H. C. COOPER, M.R.S.A.N.I., M.S.I.A.

Sanitary Inspector

D. P. CARPENTER, A.R.S.A.N.I., M.S.I.A.

Area of District (acres)	...	...	...	...	...	53,339
Population (estimated)	...	...	...	...	...	7,940
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£45,800
Product of Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	£177

VITAL STATISTICS

POPULATION 7,940

LIVE BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	63	66	129
Illegitimate...	2	—	2
Crude birth rate per 1,000 estimated population	16·6		
Corrected birth rate per 1,000 estimated population	18·1 (15·0)*		

STILLBIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate...	—	—	—
Rate per 1,000 related live and stillbirths	2·4 (23·1)*		

DEATHS

	Male	Female	Total
	67	46	113
Crude death rate per 1,000 estimated population	14·3		
Corrected death rate per 1,000 estimated population	10·5 (11·7)*		

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES

Puerperal sepsis	Nil
Other Puerperal causes	Nil

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	—	1
Illegitimate...	—	—	—
Death rate per 1,000 related births	7·6 (24·9)*		

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER FOUR WEEKS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	—	—	—
Illegitimate...	—	—	—

* Corresponding rates for England and Wales

HOUSING

Total number of dwellings in the district at 31st December, 1955	...	2,990
Number of Council houses built under Housing Act at 31st December, 1955	... ..	531
Number of Council houses built since the war	... ..	301
Number of houses in private ownership built since the war	... ..	120
Number of new houses built during 1955		
(a) By the Local Authority	... ..	45
(b) By private enterprise	... ..	19
Number of Council houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1955		12
Number of Council flats in course of erection at 31st December, 1955...		20
Number of private houses in course of erection at 31st December, 1955		20
Number of occupied dwellings on ex-War Department sites	... ..	Nil
Number of applicants for Council houses (revised list)	... ..	138
1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR		
1 (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health or Housing Acts	... ..	511
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	... ..	772
2 Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation...		150
3 Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-headings) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	... ..	47
2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE		
Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	... ..	31
3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR		
(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936		
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	... ..	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice	... ..	Nil
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Act		
(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	... ..	1
(2) Number of dwellings in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice	... ..	Nil
(c) Proceedings under Section II of the Housing Act, 1936		
(1) Number of houses about which representations have been made		
Formal	... ..	26
Informal	... ..	2
(2) Action resulting from representations:		
Number of demolition orders made	... ..	7
(a) Number of houses demolished	... ..	3

(b)	Number of houses demolished as a result of representations in previous years	3
(c)	Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners to repair	7
	Informal	1
(d)	Number of houses about which undertakings have been accepted from owners not to re-let	5
	Informal	1
(e)	Closing Orders under Section 12 Housing Act, 1936	Nil
(f)	Closing Orders under Section 10 (Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1953)	1
(g)	Action still pending	6
(d)	Clearance Areas Section 25 Housing Act, 1936	
(a)	Number of representations made	Nil
(b)	Number of Clearance Areas declared	Nil
(c)	Number of houses involved	Nil
(d)	Number of Clearance Orders made	Nil
(e)	Number of Clearance Areas confirmed	Nil
(e)	Improvements Grants—Housing Act, 1949	
(a)	Number of applications received (1) owner occupied	19
	(2) tenanted	23
(b)	Number of grants made	40
(c)	Number of dwellings affected	40
(d)	Total amount of grants made... ..	£11,581

The Council have also undertaken the improvement of the earlier sub-standard Council houses by the addition of bathrooms, hot and cold water systems, water-closets, etc. During 1955, 40 have been modernised in this manner by direct labour methods. No grant is received by the Council for this work.

HOUSING ACT, 1936: PARTS II AND III

HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954. SECTION I

PROPOSALS MADE BY COUNCIL

Total number of permanent dwellings in the Local Authority's area ... 3,013

PART I. THE TOTAL PROBLEM

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| (i) | Estimated number of houses unfit for human habitation within the meaning of Section 9 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, and suitable for action under Section II or Section 25 of the Housing Act, 1936 | 174 |
| (ii) | Period in years which the Council think necessary for securing the demolition of all the houses in (i) | 5 to 10 |

PART 2. ORDERS ALREADY MADE, ETC.

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|-------|---|-----|
| (iii) | Number of houses in (i) in clearance areas already covered by operative clearance or compulsory purchase orders or owned by the Local Authority | Nil |
| (iv) | Number of houses which are already in clearance areas and for which clearance or compulsory purchase orders have been submitted to the Minister, but have not yet become operative | Nil |

PART 3. ACTION IN THE FIRST FIVE YEARS

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|-----|--|-----|
| (v) | Number of houses which are already in clearance areas and for which clearance or compulsory purchase orders are to be made or which are to be purchased by agreement within the five years | Nil |
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(vi)	Number of houses which are to be included in clearance areas still to be declared and which within the 5 years will be owned by the Local Authority or will have been included in a clearance order or a compulsory purchase order submitted by the Minister	Nil
(vii)	Number of houses under (iii), (iv) and (vi) to be patched (if necessary) and retained within the five years under Section 2 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, for temporary accommodation	Nil
(viii)	Number of houses under (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) to be demolished in five years	Nil
(ix)	Number of houses (including those already comprised in operative demolition orders) to be demolished in five years as a result of action under Section II of the Housing Act, 1936	137

SANITARY INSPECTION OF DISTRICT

Inspection of premises—Public Health Act	...	...	...	...	727
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	124
Milk and Dairies	...	...	...	...	5
Food Premises	...	...	...	...	48
Ice-cream premises	...	...	...	...	10
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	5
Factories	...	...	...	...	6
Petroleum stores	...	...	...	...	5
New buildings	...	...	...	...	239
Drains tested	...	...	...	...	53
Ditches, drainage matters and sewage works	...	...	...	...	261
Water supplies	...	...	...	...	386
Tips	...	...	...	...	29
Filthy and verminous premises, including disinfestation	...	...	...	...	6
Caravan sites	...	...	...	...	13
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	2
Rodent Control, including and in conjunction with other visits (other than Rodent Operative)	...	...	...	...	481
Miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	197

NUMBER OF NOTICES SERVED

(a) Statutory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(b) Informal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45

RESULT OF NOTICES SERVED

(a) Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	...	42
(b) Notices outstanding...	...	...	...	...	...	4

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

- (a) Drainage and Sanitary Accommodation
- There are no cesspools in the district and the Council do not operate a cesspool emptying service and, because of the difficulties of sewage disposal, the change to modern drainage systems and water closets from earth closets is proceeding somewhat slowly. Septic tanks are normally installed where no sewer is available. Several sewage schemes are in course of preparation at the moment and the Comprehensive Water Scheme is being installed at the present time, so that progress in this field should be considerably accelerated in the near future.
- Number of complete new drainage systems installed with W.C. and Septic Tank (other than new houses) 28
- Alterations to existing drainage systems 20

(b) Refuse Disposal—Collection.

In the town of Shipston-on-Stour a full collection of all refuse is made weekly. In the rest of the villages, however, a collection is made once every month of refuse other than ashes. One refuse collection vehicle only is kept in full-time operation on these collections.

It was hoped that a full refuse collection scheme for the whole district would be possible in the coming year, together with the purchase of a new vehicle and further refuse tips, but owing to the increase this would place upon the rate for the district, coupled with the Government's exhortations to curb expenditure on projects of this kind, it was deemed inadvisable to proceed with the scheme at the present time.

On public health grounds alone, it is extremely unfortunate that a scheme of this nature should be delayed.

Various experiments and demonstrations have been carried out on the main tip at Shipston-on-Stour with different types of excavators, etc., in order to facilitate covering and levelling of the tip, but again, owing to the capital expenditure involved, it has not been considered an appropriate time for the purchase of such an article of equipment.

Regular visits are made by the Rodent Operative and baiting points are permanently maintained. Insect control is a regular feature of tip maintenance and during the summer months great importance is attached to this.

(c) Nightsoil collections... .. Nil

(d) Camping and Caravan sites:

Number of licensed sites

(a) Two sites for 2 caravans and one for 3 caravans.

(b) Four for individual caravans.

The above sites and caravans are licensed for permanent occupation, there being no sites licensed solely for week-end or holiday use. Strict control is maintained over the occupation of sites without a licence and several caravans have been moved on after informal action.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938

ICE-CREAM PREMISES

(1) Number of premises registered for manufacture by heat treatment	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(2) Number of premises registered for manufacture by cold mix	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
(3) Number of premises registered for sale of ice-cream	...							33

The majority of premises registered for sale of ice-cream sell only in pre-packed containers and no cause for complaint has been found with either the premises or the handling of the ice-cream.

The occupiers of the two premises registered for manufacture by cold-mix did not actually manufacture any ice-cream during the year although they are still registered.

One sample of ice-cream was taken from the premises registered for manufacture by heat treatment for testing by Methylene Blue test. This sample was placed in Provsional Grade 1.

BAKEHOUSES

Number of bakehouses in operation... .. 6

With the advent of the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955, it is anticipated that at least one of these bakehouses will cease to operate in the coming year.

Considerable enlargement has taken place at one of the bakehouses and the new part is now of a high standard. Negotiations are in progress for improvements to the older part of this bakehouse.

FISH FRIERS

Number of premises in operation 2

Both these businesses are ancillary to wet fish shops and are in operation only on certain days of the week. No cause for complaint has been found in the operation of these businesses.

SAUSAGE MANUFACTURERS

Number of premises registered under Section 14 Food and Drugs Act, 1938, as amended by Section 16 Food and Drugs Act, 1955 6

These premises are all ancillary to butchers' shops and sausage manufacture is in respect of their own retail trade.

INNS, PUBLIC HOUSES AND HOTELS

Total number of licensed premises 31

Major works of improvement to sanitary accommodation and cleansing facilities have been carried out at one licensed premises as a direct result of action by this authority.

Some two or three years ago reports were submitted to all the owners of licensed premises on the conditions of and works required to those premises. The majority of owners carried out essential works only as required by the regulations at that time in force and major works of improvement have been completed to certain others. Copies of these reports have been forwarded to the licensing justices and it is intended to submit further reports in the coming year with due regard to the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955.

It is anticipated that considerable further improvement will be obtained in this manner, particularly in view of the interest shown by the licensing justices and the added weight that they are able to bring to bear.

RESTAURANT KITCHENS

Periodic inspections have been carried out to the restaurant kitchens within this district. It has not been found necessary to draw the attention of the occupiers to any contraventions of regulations.

MILK AND DAIRIES.

Number of registered distributors (a) Within the district ... 6
(b) Outside the district ... 4

The six registered distributors within the district all obtain their milk in bottles from Stratford Dairies, Ltd.

Annual checks are made with neighbouring authorities with regard to the condition of those dairies outside the district where the occupiers are registered distributors in this district.

One visit was arranged with a neighbouring authority to a dairy whose milk gave grounds for complaint in this district. The matter was concluded to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Number of licences issued under Milk (Special Designations) Regulations :

(a) Dealer	Tuberculin Tested	6
(b) Dealer	Pasteurised	6
(c) Supplementary	Tuberculin Tested	4
(d) Supplementary	Pasteurised	4

An accurate record of those producers of milk who retail small quantities is not available for the year 1955 as these are under the control of the Milk Production Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

MEAT INSPECTION :

1. One private slaughterhouse only is licensed within the district, the occupier slaughtering mainly for his own butcher's business. One further private slaughterhouse is in the course of erection at the present time and should be in operation in the year 1956.

2. CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED :

APPENDIX

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle excludg. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	37	7	3	159	119	—
Number inspected	37	7	3	159	119	—
<i>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:</i> Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	6	—	—
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned ...	13	2	—	48	11	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	35·13	28·57	0·00	30·19	9·24	—
<i>Tuberculosis only:</i> Whole carcasses condemned	1	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	2	1	—	—	3	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	8·10	14·28	0·00	0·00	2·52	—
<i>Cysticercosis:</i> Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

3. DISEASE AND WEIGHT OF MEAT CONDEMNED :

Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	lbs.
Fevered	...	...	...	...	...	652
Cirrhosis	...	...	...	...	...	170
Parasites	...	...	...	...	...	18
Abscesses	...	...	...	...	...	206
Bruised	...	...	...	...	...	14
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	59
Septicæmia	...	...	...	...	...	32
Inefficient bleeding	...	...	...	...	...	120
Cysts	...	...	...	...	...	172
Septic Metritis	...	...	...	...	...	9
Inflammation	...	...	...	...	...	176
						2

Total weights: 14 cwts. 3 qrs. 6 lbs. = 1630

OTHER CONDEMNED FOODS :

Meat and soup	...	...	...	...	...	9 tins
Fruit and vegetables	...	...	...	...	...	30 tins
Fish	...	...	...	...	...	1 tin
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	2 tins
Milk powder	...	...	...	...	...	56 lbs.
Ham, Tongues, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	23 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
Cheese	...	...	...	...	...	106 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

KNACKERS' YARDS :

There is one licensed Kacker's Yard within the district.

FOOD AND DRUGS (MILK, DAIRIES AND ARTIFICIAL CREAM), ACT, 1950

SECTION 8

TUBERCULOUS MILK INVESTIGATIONS—ROUTINE MILK SAMPLES FOR BIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION DURING THE YEAR 1955

Designation of Milk	Total No. of Samples	No. Positive
Pasteurised...	—	—
"Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)"	—	—
"Tuberculin Tested"	14	Nil
Non-Designated	48	2

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS OF TUBERCLE-INFECTED MILK SUPPLIES DURING THE YEAR 1955

Number of:	Cases found on routine sampling in the County	Cases reported by neighbouring County Authorities
1. Investigations	2	Nil
2. Cows examined	41	Nil
3. Milk samples for diagnostic purposes	12	Nil
4. Cows slaughtered under Tuberculosis Order	1	Nil
5. Cows removed from herds during investigations and which may have been in- fected	—	—

RODENT CONTROL

A full-time Rodent Operative is employed by the Council to carry out the provisions of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, under the direction of the Sanitary Inspector.

A low-powered motor-cycle with box sidecar is provided for the sole use of the Rodent Operative and combines good mobility with low running costs.

Co-operation with the Pests Department of the Warwickshire A.E.C. has continued and the exchange of information is of great help in the operation of the scheme in respect of agricultural properties.

No charge is made for the treatment of minor infestations at dwelling houses.

Regular treatments are carried out in sewers, sewage works, refuse tips, etc., owned by the Council.

SUMMARY OF VISITS, ETC., BY RODENT OPERATIVE:

Number of inspections for survey purposes

1. Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,919
2. Business Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	92
3. Farms	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	478
4. Council Property	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50

Number of infestations discovered

1. Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	244
2. Business Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
3. Farms	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
4. Council Property	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21

Number of re-visits for treatment purposes 1,593

Number of carcasses picked up 920

Number of treatments completed 301

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the year 1955 for the Rural District of Shipston-on-Stour in the County of Warwick.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors)

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	9	1	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	54	11	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	49	239	1	—
TOTAL ...	112	251	1	—

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient ...	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	1	1	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) ...	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	1	1	—	—	—

WATER SUPPLIES

Work on the Comprehensive Water Scheme has been held up and many villages in the area are still dependent upon the old water systems which derive their water from the limestone cappings on the hills and such superficial deposits which lies in the valley and are water bearing. These supplies are extremely limited in yield and the quality of the water is often doubtful. Water has had to be carted to one or two villages as supplies gave out during the dry period of the year. The township of Shipston-on-Stour obtains its water from the springs outside the area and there has been some shortage in the year, chiefly on account of the reduced spring yield coupled with a number of defective pipes which have since been located and repaired. The scheme which supplies the villages of Halford, Oxhill, Whatcote and Idlicote has long been overloaded so as to cause shortage of water in the village of Idlicote and an intermittent supply to the other villages.

Progress with the construction of the Comprehensive Water Scheme has been disappointing and the Contractor eventually abandoned the contract. Work has, therefore, been held up and will not commence until a new contractor is appointed. Water is available from the new mains at Little Compton, Barton-on-the-Heath, Long Compton and Great Wolford. The scheme comprises the laying of some 54 miles of water mains and the construction of five reservoirs. Three Booster Stations will be required to supply water to the higher parts of the area. The water is being taken in bulk supply from the North Cotswold Rural District Council, and from the Stratford-on-Avon Rural District Council for three of the northern villages. The scheme is also designed to supply water in bulk to the Southam Rural District Council whose scheme is almost complete.

The response to owners of property, when approached regarding water connections, has been very good and the Council have been obliged to prepare schemes for the extension of mains at Brailes and at Tysoe where the agricultural demand has been greater than was envisaged. These extensions have received the approval of the Minister of Housing and Local Government.

QUALITY OF WATER

Regular samples of the Council's supplies are taken for bacteriological analysis in order to ensure safe supplies to the public. Samples are also taken from private supplies where doubt has arisen as to the fitness of the water for drinking or domestic purposes.

ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIES

The following table shows the results of the analyses of various samples of water taken during the year for bacteriological analysis:

Supply	Total Number	Satisfactory	Doubtful	Unsatisfactory
Public Piped (untreated) ...	4	4	—	—
Public Piped (treated) ...	3	1	1	1
Private Supplies (untreated)	18	6	3	9
New Mains ...	18	14	2	2

PLUMBO SOLVENCY

The water supplied in the area is hard in character and no cases of plumbo solvency have been reported. The analysis of the new bulk supplies shows that this water is also hard in character.

ACTION IN RESPECT OF CONTAMINATION

Certain small public supplies liable to pollution are treated by small chlorination plants.

Owners of private supplies are advised on the steps to be taken to prevent pollution and chlorine is provided for use in the cleaning of wells, tanks, etc.

SUPPLIED WITH WATER FROM PUBLIC MAINS

Parish	Houses	Esti- mated Popu- lation	Houses Laid on	Popu- lation	Houses Stand pipe	Popu- lation	Re- marks
Barcheston, Barcheston	10	36	4	17	1	3	—
Willington	26	110	20	87	6	23	—
Barton-on-the-Heath ...	41	122	11	38	12	40	—
Brailes, Brailes ...	256	751	103	339	110	330	—
Winderton ...	21	69	—	—	3	10	Private
Burmington ...	42	112	9	26	16	51	—
Butlers Marston ...	72	205	28	80	30	86	—
Cherington ...	76	235	18	61	3	7	—
Compton Wynyates ...	10	47	—	—	—	—	Private
Great Wolford ...	48	160	28	89	16	58	—
Halford ...	93	256	62	167	28	81	—
Honington ...	61	170	39	110	8	23	—
Idlicote ...	31	98	17	52	5	16	—
Ilmington ...	206	542	109	296	64	165	—
Little Compton ...	104	286	79	225	8	24	—
Little Wolford ...	41	136	—	—	—	—	Private
Long Compton ...	192	535	145	404	30	83	—
Oxhill ...	70	177	50	130	6	18	—
Pillerton Hersey ...	37	92	—	—	—	—	Private
Pillerton Priors ...	49	127	—	—	—	—	Private
Shipston-on-Stour ...	553	1443	510	1327	40	110	—
Stretton-on-Fosse ...	117	308	95	261	9	26	—
Stourton ...	42	101	1	4	—	—	Private
Sutton-under-Brailes ...	43	92	4	17	14	33	—
Tidmington ...	13	58	2	7	—	—	Private
Tredington, Armscote ...	45	117	—	—	—	—	Private
Blackwell ...	49	135	—	—	—	—	Private
Darlingscote ...	34	100	—	—	—	—	Private
Newbold ...	112	290	46	115	40	103	—
Tredington ...	106	297	28	87	54	156	—
Tysoe ...	269	692	156	420	75	209	—
Whatcote ...	28	72	18	46	7	18	—
Whichford, Ascott ...	22	65	9	31	3	14	—
Whichford	71	237	10	32	20	63	—

The term “ Public Water Mains ” refers to water supplied by the Council and includes supplies from small-bore pipes and from inadequate systems.

SEWERAGE

The township of Shipston-on-Stour and the village of Honington are the only centres of population in the area which have full sewerage systems. At Ilmington, Stretton-on-Fosse and Tredington parts of the villages have small treatment systems and the remaining villages in the area depend upon village drains and culverts which discharge into streams and ditches. All possible steps are taken to minimise nuisance, but little really effective work can be carried out.

The Council have instructed their consulting Engineers to prepare sewerage schemes for the villages of Brailes, Sutton-under-Brailes, Stourton and Cherington, Stretton-on-Fosse, Little Compton, Long Compton and Tysoe. These schemes are in course of preparation or have been submitted to the Ministry of

Housing and Local Government for approval. A scheme has been prepared for the village of Ilmington and Part 1 of the scheme has been approved and gone out for tenders. Part 2 of this scheme is now awaiting approval.

In view of the primitive conditions which exist in the area and the increase in the nuisance to be expected when the water scheme is completed and houses are connected on, it is hoped that early approval will be given to these sewerage proposals.

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BOROUGH OF STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

CAUSES OF DEATH

							M.	F.
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	—	—
Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Syphilitic Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Other Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Lungs, Bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
Malignant Neoplasm, other organs	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	15
Leukaemia	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Vascular Lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	15
Coronary Disease, Angina	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	12
Hypertension with Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	3
Other Heart Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	17
Other Circulatory Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	9
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	3
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
Ulcer of Stomach, Duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	—
Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Nephritis, Nephrosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Hyperlasia of Prostate	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Congenital Malformations	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	12
Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
All Other Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	—
Homicide, Operations of War	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—

STRATFORD-ON-AVON R.D.C.

CAUSES OF DEATH

	M.	F.
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	2	1
Tuberculosis, other	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—
Other Infectious Diseases	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	3	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lungs, Bronchus	8	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	7
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, other organs	14	9
Leukaemia	—	—
Diabetes	—	3
Vascular Lesions of nervous system	10	8
Coronary Disease, Angina	21	7
Hypertension with Heart Disease	1	1
Other Heart Diseases	17	18
Other Circulatory Diseases	4	8
Influenza	—	—
Pneumonia	7	6
Bronchitis	6	—
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	2
Ulcer of Stomach, Duodenum	—	1
Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea	1	3
Nephritis, Nephrosis	3	3
Hyperlasia of Prostate	3	—
Congenital Malformations	1	—
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Causes... ..	6	11
Motor Vehicle Accidents	6	—
All Other Accidents	3	—
Suicide	—	—
Homicide, Operations of War	—	—
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	—	—

ALCESTER R.D.C.

CAUSES OF DEATH

	M.	F.
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	1	—
Tuberculosis, other	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—
Other Infectious Diseases	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lungs, Bronchus	4	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, other organs	6	5
Leukaemia	—	—
Diabetes	1	—
Vascular Lesions of nervous system	7	15
Coronary Disease, Angina	15	5
Hypertension with Heart Disease	1	—
Other Heart Diseases	10	7
Other Circulatory Diseases	2	2
Influenza	1	1
Pneumonia	4	1
Bronchitis	4	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	—	—
Ulcer of Stomach, Duodenum	1	—
Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhœa	—	—
Nephritis, Nephrosis	—	—
Hyperlasia of Prostate	—	—
Congenital Malformations	—	—
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Causes... ..	2	7
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	—
All Other Accidents	1	2
Suicide	—	—
Homicide, Operations of War	—	—
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	—	—

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR R.D.C.

CAUSES OF DEATH

							M.	F.
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Other Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Lungs, Bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, other organs	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	2
Leukaemia	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Vascular Lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	8
Coronary Disease, Angina	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	4
Hypertension with Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Other Heart Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	19
Other Circulatory Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	—
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
Ulcer of Stomach, Duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Nephritis, Nephrosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Hyperlasia of Prostate	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Congenital Malformations	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Causes...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
All Other Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Homicide, Operations of War	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—

CLASSIFICATIONS	...	...	0-1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	Age Unkn.	TOTAL	Ad. to Hosp.	Deaths
Scarlet Fever ...	...	...				2					2		
Whooping Cough	...	...	5	7	19	20	2		4	1	58		
Measles	...	...	3	37	47	93	4		1	1	186		
Pneumonia	...	...				3		1	15	1	20	10	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...						6	5		11	11	
Erysipelas	...	...							2		2		
Acute Encephalitis Infective									1		1	1	
Dysentery	...	...									

STRATFORD-ON-AVON R.D.C.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS

CLASSIFICATIONS	...	...	0-1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	Age Unkn.	TOTAL	Ad. to Hosp.	Deaths
Scarlet Fever ...	...	...			2	1		3			6	2	
Whooping Cough	...	...	4	6	14	35	5	1	1		66		1
Measles	...	...	3	38	61	123	8	2	1		236	1	
Pneumonia	...	...						3	5	1	9	7	1
Poliomyelitis (paralytic)	...	...						1	1		2	2	
Poliomyelitis (non-paralytic)									1		1	1	
Erysipelas	...	...							1		1		
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	2								2		
Food Poisoning	...	...							1		1		
Acute Encephalitis Post-Infectious	...	...			1						1	1	

ALCESTER R.D.C. INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS

C?ASSIFICATIONS	...	...	0-1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	Age Unkn.	TOTAL	Ad. to Hosp.	Deaths
Scarlet Fever ...	...	...		3	12	19	3				37		
Whooping Cough ...	...	...	5	3	8	4					20		
Measles ...	...	...	12	64	93	192	8	3		5	377	1	
Pneumonia ...	...	...	1	2	2		2		11		18	1	4
Dysentery ...	...	...					1				1	1	
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	...	...									
Erysipelas ...	...	...							1		1		
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	...	...	1								1		
Food Poisoning ...	...	...						2			2		
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic ...	...	...				1					1	1	
Poliomyelitis (non-Paralytic)							1				1	1	
Meningococcal Infection ...	...	...		1							1	1	

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR R.D.C.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS

CLASSIFICATION	...	...	0-1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	Age Unkn.	TOTAL	Ad. to Hosp.	Deaths
Scarlet Fever ...	...	...									
Whooping Cough	...	...		5	10	17	3		1		36		
Measles	...	...	1	26	46	130	12	5	2		222		
Pneumonia	...	...		1		1			4		6		2
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...									
Poliomyelitis (paralytic)	...	...									
Poliomyelitis (non-paralytic)									1		1	1	

BOROUGH OF STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pul.		Non-Pul.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Number of cases on Register at 1/1/55	28	23	7	1
Number of cases on Register at 31/12/55	38	25	7	1

AGE PERIOD	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul		Non-Pul.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-1								
2-5								
6-10								
11-15								
16-20								
21-25	1	2	1					
26-35	1	4	1	1				
36-45	6							
46-55	3				1	1		
56-65	1							
66 and upwards	1							
Age unknown								
TOTAL	13*	6*	2	1	1	1		

* Three of these are not new cases of tuberculosis, but transfers from other areas.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON R.D.C.

TUBERCULOSIS

		Pul.		Non-Pul.	
		M.	F.	M.	F.
Number of cases on Register at 1/1/55	...	44	31	11	6
Number of cases on Register at 31/12/55	...	49	38	14	7

AGE PERIOD	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-1								
2-5	1							
6-10								
11-15	1							
16-20	1	1						
21-25	3	3	1					
26-35	4	4	1		1			
36-45	3	1	1	1				
46-55	3	1						
56-65						1		
66 and upwards		1			1			
Age unknown								
TOTAL	16*	11*	3	1	2	1		

* Nine of these are not new cases of tuberculosis, but transfers from other areas.

ALCESTER R.D.C.

TUBERCULOSIS

		Pul.		Non-Pul.	
		M.	F.	M.	F.
Number of cases on Register at 1/1/55	...	32	22	10	6
Number of cases on Register at 31/12/55	...	38	21	7	7

AGE PERIOD	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-1								
2-5								
6-10								
11-15								
16-20	1							
21-25	1							
26-35	2			1				
36-45	1	1						
46-55	2	1			1			
56-65	3							
66 and upwards								
Age unknown								
TOTAL	10*	2		1*	1			

* Three of these are not new cases of tuberculosis, but transfers from other areas.

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR R.D.C.

TUBERCULOSIS

		Pul.		Non-Pul.	
		M.	F.	M.	F.
Number of cases on Register at 1/1/55	...	17	15	4	3
Number of cases on Register at 31/12/55	...	19	14	4	3

AGE PERIOD	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-1								
2-5								
6-10								
11-15								
16-20								
21-25								
26-35								
36-45	1							
46-55	1	1						
56-65								
66 and upwards	1							
Age unknown								
TOTAL	3*	1						

* One of these is not a new case of tuberculosis, but transfer from another area.

POST-WAR COUNCIL HOUSES

Council	Number of Houses Built since the war	Post-war Houses per 1,000 Population
Stratford-upon-Avon Borough	525	35·1
Stratford-on-Avon R.D.C.	646	28·6
Alcester R.D.C. ...	495	37·0
Shipston-on-Stour R.D.C.	301	38·0

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Council	Number of Grants made during 1955	Amounts of Grants
Stratford-upon-Avon Borough	32	£9,937
Stratford-on-Avon R.D.C.	25	£4,363
Alcester R.D.C. ...	5	£957
Shipston-on-Stour R.D.C.	40	£11,581

